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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MAY 31, 2002

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the official action that was mailed on May 31, 2002. Please consider the following remarks and re-consider the claim rejections.

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 were pending in the application. By this response, these claims remain pending and have not been amended herein.

Claims 1-3, 6, 8, 9, and 12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Michaelis et al., EP 0 277 703 A1 (Michaelis). Claims 13 and 15-17 have been rejected as anticipated by Aoki, U.S. 5,976,303 (Aoki). Claims 4, 5, and 7 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over Michaelis in view of Allen et al., EP 0 564 102 A2 Allen). Claims 10 and 11 have been rejected as obvious over Michaelis in view of Aoki. Claim 14 has been rejected as obvious over Aoki in view of Silverbrook. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the claim rejections are hereby respectfully solicited in the following grounds.